

Claim Amendments

1. (original) A method for automatically updating a non-emergency telephone number stored in a wireless handset comprising the steps of:

determining a previous non-emergency telephone number corresponding with a prior location of the wireless handset;

storing the previous non-emergency telephone number in a record associated with the wireless handset in a network database;

determining a current location of the wireless handset;

determining a first non-emergency telephone number corresponding to the current location where the first non-emergency telephone number is to be used by wireless handsets at the current location to seek non-emergency assistance;

comparing the first non-emergency telephone number and the previous non-emergency telephone number;

if the first non-emergency telephone number is different than the previous non-emergency telephone number, transmitting a message containing the first non-emergency telephone number to the wireless handset where the message is a command for the wireless handset to store in its memory the first non-emergency instead of the previous non-emergency telephone number for access by a user of the wireless handset.

2. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the step of determining the corresponding first non-emergency telephone number comprises accessing a database based on the current location of the wireless handset where the database stores non-emergency telephone numbers for different locations.

3-5. Canceled.

6. (new) An apparatus adapted to automatically update a non-emergency telephone number stored in a wireless handset including means for determining a current location of the wireless handset, the apparatus characterized by:

means for determining a previous non-emergency telephone number corresponding with a prior location of the wireless handset;

means for storing the previous non-emergency telephone number in a record associated with the wireless handset in a network database;

means for determining a first non-emergency telephone number corresponding to the current location where the first non-emergency telephone number is to be used by wireless handsets at the current location to seek non-emergency assistance;

comparing the first non-emergency telephone number and the previous non-emergency telephone number;

if the first non-emergency telephone number is different than the previous non-emergency telephone number, means for transmitting a message containing the first non-emergency telephone number to the wireless handset where the message is a command for the wireless handset to store in its memory the first non-emergency instead of the previous non-emergency telephone number for access by a user of the wireless handset.

7. (new) The apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the means of determining the corresponding first non-emergency telephone number comprises means for accessing a database based on the current location of the wireless handset where the database stores non-emergency telephone numbers for different locations.